

It's time to talk!

Israel wants to talk peace.
Why don't the Palestinian leaders?



Israel has swapped land for peace

2005 - Israel withdrew unilaterally from the Gaza Strip and part of the northern West Bank, uprooting 8000 Jewish settlers



1993 - Oslo Accords - Israel withdrew from Palestinian population centers in Gaza and the West Bank

1979 - Israel swapped land (the Sinai) for peace and recognition with Egypt

Despite a wave of terror since October 2015 causing 46 deaths and 649 injuries, Israel is still offering peace talks with no preconditions

Israel has offered land for peace

2000 Camp David

A two-state solution; a Palestinian state in 94% of the West Bank plus an additional swap of land; and a sovereign capital of East Jerusalem

REJECTED by the PA

2008 Annapolis

A Palestinian state in 93.7% of the West Bank and the whole of Gaza; a compensating land swap of Israeli land equivalent to 5.8% of the West Bank; a land corridor across Israel connecting Gaza and the West Bank; Palestinian capital in East Jerusalem

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Israel's Prime Minister wants to talk peace

"I'm ready to meet with Abu Mazen at any time, without preconditions, for direct talks... I'm not picky about the location."
Netanyahu 6 September 2016



"Wouldn't it be better if instead of speaking past each other we were speaking to one another? President Abbas, instead of railing against Israel at the United Nations in New York, I invite you to speak to the Israeli people at the Knesset in Jerusalem." Netanyahu 22 September 2016 UN General Assembly

"The best way to resolve the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians is direct, bilateral negotiations."
Netanyahu 2 May 2016

"I'm ready to begin negotiations ... today – not tomorrow, not next week, today." Netanyahu 22 September 2016 UN General Assembly

"We continue...to believe that the two-state solution is the right one... Of course, it is for the parties to negotiate: obviously, there are others in the international arena who are doing their work to facilitate an agreement in the middle east, but ultimately it is for the two parties to agree on a way forward." May 8 February 2017



"There needs to be dialogue, but at the moment I do not think that the Palestinians are committing to dialogue in the way they could and should be. It takes two to negotiate. We have seen no progress over the last eight years. Let us not rule out the possibility of progress today." Johnson 21 February 2017

The Palestinians won't meet to talk. Why not?